REMARKS

In response to the Office Action of May 8, 2007, in the form of a Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Species 1 noted in the Office Action as being a patentably distinct species. Applicants also elects claim group 5-6, 21-22, and 39 noted in the Office Action as generic claims to be examined together with generic claims 1, 17, 33, 36. In addition to the generic claims (1, 5-6, 17, 21-22, 33, 36 and 39) elected for prosecution, claims 2, 18, 34 and 37 are directed at the elected species. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application for the non-elected subject matter.

The drawing amendment corrects reference numbers "501" and "50i" in Fig. 2 to read "50i" and "50j", respectively.

The specification revisions make some minor editorial amendments. No new matter is submitted to have been presented in either the specification or drawing revisions.

To update the record, enclosed is a PTO-1449 form that lists U.S. Publication No. 2004-0059494 (which represents the publication of the earlier referenced co-pending application 10/667,396).

Applicants look forward to an action on the merits in due course.

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